

Application No.: 09/849,457

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REMARKSPresent Status of the Application

The Advisory Action mailed on April 25th, 2005 stated that the previous amendments are not entered because the amendments raise new issue. The Applicants respectfully submit that please disregard the previous amendments and enter the above amendments in response to the Final Action mailed on January 27th, 2005.

The Final Office Action mailed on January 27th, 2005 rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ebisawa et al. (U.S. 6,284,342) in view of Duggal et al. (U.S. 6,538,375). The Office Action further rejected claims 1-16, 21 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior in view of Ebisawa et al. (U.S. 6,284,342) and Duggal et al. (U.S. 6,538,375). The Office Action further indicated that claims 26-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have canceled claim 21. Moreover, Applicants have amended claim 14 by adding the allowable subject matter recited in claim 26. In addition, Applicants have rewrite the dependent claims 27 and 30 into the independent form including the original limitation recited in the base claim, claim 14. Applicants have also added new claims 31-35 for further defining the present invention recited by the amended claims 27 and 30 respectively. No new matter is introduced in the application by the amendment made herein. Therefore, claims 14-16, 23-25 and 27-35 possess allowable claimed feature and withdrawing the rejections to claims 14-16, 23-25 and 27-35 is respectfully requested.

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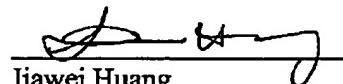
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 14-16, 23-25 and 27-35 of the invention patentably define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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